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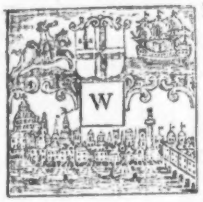
From my CHAMBERS, Lincoln's-Inn.



E Weekly Authors sometimes are forc'd into a disadvantageous Incident, which is, when the Essay must of Necessity extend beyond those Limits of the Paper which are our Province, because a Reader is dissatisfy'd the Moment he sees a Continuation of what he knows nothing of; and if he does read it, the Composition loses half its Energy. To prevent some of this Inconvenience, I shall desire my Readers to remember that in my last, I had consider'd what Effect violent Passions have in the Character of *Sebastian*: I pointed out the Poet's Judgment in conducting them; and left off where *Sebastian* was resolv'd on *Self-Murder*, and his Friend, with much Art, persuading him to it, hinting, that though he in his Heart is innocent *the World may judge the Worst*; ——a good old Man on the Scene cries out with Amazement,

O what a Sophister has Hell procur'd
To argue for Damnation!

But *Dorax* still urges on,

His only Way to rectify Mistakes,
And to redeem * *her* Honour, is to *die.*

Sebastian is in an Extacy of Joy to find the Sentiments of his Friend agree with his.

Seb. Thou hast it right, my dear, my best *Alonzo!*
And that's but petty Reparation too;
But *all* I have to give.
Dor. Your Pardon, Sir, you may do more, and ought.
Seb. What? More than *Death!*
Dor. Death; Why, that's Children's Sport, a Stage
We act it every Night we go to Bed. [Play, Death.
Death to a Man in Misery is Sleep.——
Wou'd YOU, who perpetrated such a Crime
As frighten'd Nature, made the Saints above
Shake Heaven's eternal Pavement with their trembling
To view that Act; *wou'd you but barely die?*
But stretch your Limbs, and turn on t'other Side,
To lengthen out a black voluptuous Slumber,
And dream you had your Sister in your Arms?
Seb. To expatiate this, can I do more than die?
Dor. O Yes; you must do more: You must be
You must be *damn'd* to all *Eternity*; [*damn'd*;
And sure *Self-Murder* is the readiest Way.
Seb. after a Pause] Damn'd? how damn'd!
Dor. Why, is that News.
[Sebastian *steps aside and stands in deep Thought.*]
Alvarez. O Horror! Horror!

The next Speech I think rather too light, yet it is necessary to give *Sebastian* some time for his deep Contemplation, and let his Reason and Passions work; therefore *Dorax*'s Satire is not so absurd as may seem to some Criticks, when he says to *Alvarez*, on crying *O Horror! Horror!*

Dor. What, thou a Statesman
And make a Business of Damnation,
And in such a World as this? Why, 'tis a Trade;
The Scrivener, Usurer, Lawyer, Shopkeeper
And Soldier, cannot live but by Damnation;
The Politician does it by Advance,
And gives all gone beforehand.

During this Interval *Sebastian* has resolv'd, when he turns to *Dorax*, and, with the utmost Transport, expresses himself thus:

O thou hast given me such a Glimpse of Hell,
So push'd me forward even to the Brink
Of that irremeable burning Gulph,
That looking in th' Abyss I dare not leap.
And now I see what Good thou mean'st my Soul,
And thank thy pious Fraud. Thou hast, indeed,
Appear'd a Devil, but did'st an Angel's Work.
Dor. 'Twas the last *Remedy* to give you *Leisure*;
For if you cou'd but *think*, I knew you *safe.*

The rest of the Play has no Relation to our Subject: The Reader has seen a Man in the highest Phrenzy brought down to cool Reason, by working his Passions up to the Height: Nature cannot long support such a Shock, and, as the Passions begin to subside, then is the Time gradually to introduce Reason. If in common Life any Regard were paid to these Observations, many Families would become more happy: As to Acts of Self-Murder, (of which we very lately have had some fatal Instances) they might have been prevented by such a Man as *Dorax*; while a Man *thinks* he will never destroy himself; therefore its my Opinion, as my Correspondent desir'd me to tell him it, all Verdicts on such unhappy Cases shou'd be *Lunacy.*

H. S.

* *That is* Almeyda.

To HENRY STONECASTLE, *Esq;*

The Humble Petition *of* YES *and* NO,

SHEWETH,

THAT your Petitioners, though they are quite opposite in almost every Opinion, have, on a late Conference, agreed, that the World uses us both very ill, and chops and changes us about to serve their private Ends. It is come, Mr. *Spec*, to such a Pass, that when we are mention'd there is no Regard given to our Names; nay, some think we stand in Meaning to the different Sense of our Title, and when a Person says *Yes* he means *No*, and *vice versa*. We have within ourselves, been highly affronted at each other for supplanting each other with Answers, when, indeed, we now find neither of us were to blame but the Person whom we were going to serve.

The Abuses we receive are innumerable: Though nothing in State can be done without us: Tho' we determine the Fate of Empires, yet we are the most errant Slaves in being, and the most errant Liars, made so by the Arbitrary Will of the Tongues of Men.

We have also among other Faults found against *Yes* and *No*, been heavily charg'd with Bribery and Corruption in Parliament: But against us how unjust? It is well known how often Gentlemen reserve us in their Hearts a long Time; yet let a certain Person give a sudden Squeeze by the Hand—or *it shall be done*, immediately the Heart-Possessor is banish'd, and the Contrast Word takes Possession of the Tip of the Tongue and is gone presently.

Yes has suffer'd innumerable Fatigues from both long and short Imprisonments: These the Band of Lovers occasion: Sometimes poor *Yes* has been enclos'd up in a strong Heart Five and Twenty Years, and at last come out with a deep Sigh. Some Hearts, and stout ones too, cannot hold it contain'd above a Fortnight: There are many Instances where poor *Yes* has struggled to get out, nay escap'd to the Tongue, but down again it went to the old Prison Place, 'till by its Retainment it kill'd its foolish Possessor.

Yes complains also, Mr. *Spectator*, of one barbarous Custom which has prevail'd universally, and that is, that the *Female Sex* are from their Infancy taught a Kind of Abhorrence of its Name: Now at the same Time there is not a Word in the *English* Language, on a particular Occasion, they speak with more Pleasure.

No has in general the same Complaints, and of being abus'd without Guilt: How often am I curs'd (cries *No*) by the smart young Fellows because a pretty Lady mentions my Name to him. I am not decently treated when I am compell'd to come twice from the Tongue of a *Religious Doctor* before he can be episcopiz'd.

Mr. *Spectator*, now we jointly and separately avow to the World, that whatever Misfortunes or Disappointments may happen from *Missying* our Names, we entirely and humbly hope, that you would recommend to the World never to name our Names but to what they think,

This would highly oblige,
Your Petitioners,
Yes and *No.*

At a convenient Time I shall consider the Merits of the Petitioners.

P. S. *Yes* may be mention'd by Miss *Sally Timler* the next Time Mr. *Dapper* puts the Question. I would have Miss *Forward* keep *No* on her Tongue two Years longer.

To the SPECTATOR.

SIR,

BY inserting the following Epigram you will oblige several Ladies, and yours,

FANNY SMART.

CUPID's *Mischievous Arrow.*

CUPID as he was wheeting sharp,
And pointing of an Arrow,
He touch'd the Point, the Blood sprung out,
Cries he, this strikes my *Marrow.*

'Tis turn'd for a mischievous Wound,
And I will give one strait:
His Bow he bent, the Arrow flew
And with mischievous Fate.

Chloe, poor *Chloe*, of Threescore,
The fatal Shaft receiv'd;
When Dans, Flames, Fires, Love, Rage, Despair,
By Turns her Soul aggriev'd.

Venus, in Pity, bid her Rogue
Chloe's chose Swain to wound;
C. Ha! ha! Ma'a! his case-harden'd Heart
Is stuck with Arrows round.
V. 'Cou'd you not *Chloe*'s Arrow draw?
'You've tortur'd her enough.
C. 'I wou'd, Mamma——but such old Hearts
'To work on are too tough.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Peterſbourg, Aug. 10. Tho' in the laſt Edict relating to Trade, publiſh'd ſince the Treaty of Abo, there are ſeveral Articles very favourable to all foreign Merchants and Tradeſmen, the Empreſs has excluded the Jews from the Benefit thereof, notwithſtanding the large Sums which they have offer'd in order to obtain Leave to ſettle again in the Empire, and enjoy the ſame Privileges as other foreign Merchants.

The Governor of Derbent has diſpatch'd a Courier to the Court, to inform us of the Arrival of the Son of the Kan of the Dagheſtan Tartars, who is expreſly ſent by his Father, to aſſure the Empreſs that he had given ſtrict Orders to all the Hords of Tartars, under the ſevereſt Penalties, not to make any Incurſions for the future on the Territories of this Empire: This good News was accompany'd by a Preſent of twenty beautiful Tartarian Horſes to the Governor of Derbent.

Stockholm, Aug. 16. On the 8th was publiſh'd here the Sentence pronounced againſt Col. Troberg, accus'd of not doing his Duty in the laſt Campaign in Finland, by which he is condemn'd to loſe his Command, and render'd for ever incapable of enjoying any Office, either Civil or Military, under the Crown. On the 10th, which was the Day appointed for Count Lewenhaupt's Execution, and on which his Flight was diſcover'd, a Reward of 20,000 Crowns was offer'd to whoever ſhould deliver him up to Juſtice. The Houſes of all his Friends and Relations were ſearch'd in the Evening, and again at an Hour after Midnight; but to no Purpoſe. Several Detachments were ſent into Scania, in order to prevent his flying into Denmark. On the 14th, in the Morning, the Captains Graman and Theomeden, who were ſent with two arm'd Sloops in purſuit of him, came up with a Yatcht near Waxholm, about two Leagues from this City, which was bound for Dantzick. They boarded it immediately, and at their firſt Entrance diſcover'd Count Lewenhaupt, though diſguis'd as a Sailor. This was between Two and Three o'Clock, and by Noon they brought him back to this City. Yeſterday, about Eleven in the Morning, he was brought to the Place of Execution, where he ſuffer'd in the ſame manner as Baron Bodenbroek. He died with great Reſolution, and ſaid a little before, that the Thoughts of his Flight gave him more Uneaſineſs than his Apprehenſions of dying. All who had, or are ſuſpected to have any Hand in his Eſcape, are arreſted, even to the Cabbin Boy of the Yatcht in which he was embark'd, and a Special Commiſſion is iſſued for trying them. Sentence was Yeſterday paſs'd on General Didron, by which he is mulct a Year's Pay.

Hambourg, Aug. 23. The laſt Letters from Copenhagen ſay, that the King has laid an Embargo on all the Shipping there, and it was reported that the Court would ſpeedily publiſh a Manifeſto.

Peterſbourg, Aug. 10. The Empreſs has declar'd that ſhe will aſſiſt Sweden with all her Forces, both by Sea and Land, in caſe that Crown ſhould be diſturb'd on Account of the Election of Duke Adolphus Frederick of Holſtein.

Madrid, Aug. 4. According to the laſt Letters from Barcelona they have raiſed a third Battalion in Catalonia for the Regiment of Zamora which is in Savoy, whither this Battalion will ſpeedily be ſent; 400 Mules, and 960 SumpterHorſes for the Infant Don Philip's Army were ſent away a few Days ago. We have receiv'd a particular Account of the Affair of La Guayra, by which it appears that the Engliſh loſt 600 Men there: As for our own Loſs they can give the beſt Account of it; for here, as well as elſewhere, the whole Truth muſt not be told.

Lisbon, July 23. The King of late recovers apace, to the great Joy of his Subjects. Yeſterday we heard a great Firing for two Hours, and ſoon after we were inform'd, that an Engliſh Privateer had attack'd two Spaniſh Privateers in the Mouth of our River, and the latter, after a warm Engagement, thought fit to take Shelter here.

We are inform'd the Court has receiv'd an Account by the way of Goa, of the Death of Don Lewis de Meneſes, Marquis of Lourical, and Viceroy of the Indies. It is ſcarce poſſible for any Subject to be more regretted by a Sovereign than this great Man is, who poſſeſs'd every eminent Qualification requiſite to diſcharge the greateſt Employments, and beſides that, ſo uncommon a Diſintereſtedneſs, that he did not leave Money enough behind him to defray the Expences of his Funeral.

Naples, Aug. 6. Letters from Meſſina confirm that the Plague has almoſt entirely ſubſided there, but add that it has got into the Citadel, and makes great Havock among the Troops. Our Letters from Calabria bring us a very melancholy Account: The Contagion has ſpread from the Suburbs of Reggio into the Town itſelf, and three adjacent Villages are likewiſe infected. On this Occaſion the Government has ſent Orders to Count Mahoni to make the Line cloſer on the Frontiers of Calabria.

Civita Vecchia, Aug. 11. Eight Barks and three Saicks, laden with warlike Stores for the Spaniſh Army in Romagna, are arriv'd here from the Iſland of Majorca, but are to proceed to Rimini and land their Cargoes there: As the late Conduct of the Engliſh at Genoa gives us room to fear ſomething of the ſame Nature if thoſe Veſſels do not ſpeedily depart, the Commandant of this Port has diſpatch'd a Courier to Rome for inſtructions how to behave on this Occaſion, and is ſo much the more impatient about the Return of that Courier, becauſe Advice is juſt come that ſome Engliſh Men of War have been ſeen off the Coaſt.

Milan, Aug. 14. The King of Sardinia has writ to the Veldt Marſhal Count Traun, deſiring him to ſend him a Body of 5000 Auſtrians, that he may be better able to make Head againſt the Spaniards; but the Count has made Anſwer, that he cannot poſſibly weaken his Poſts as Matters now ſtand.

Rome, Aug. 10. The Sacred College has receiv'd an Expreſs from Fondi, with Advice that the Soldiers appointed to viſit Travellers had ſtopp'd a Franciſcan Frier who was coming back from Aſſiſium on pretence of his being ſick; that the Warden of the Convent immediately claim'd him, but the Soldiers refus'd to deliver him up; upon which the Warden brought ſome more Friers with him, and carried off their Brother by force to the Convent; however, this was not donewithout a pretty ſmartSkirmiſh between the Reverend Fathers and the Soldiers, in conſequence of which the Magiſtrates of Fondi have order'd the Convent to be ſhut up until they know the Pope's Pleaſure.

Florence, Aug. 10. Several Shocks of Earthquake have been felt within theſe few Days at Piſa and Pontadera.

Vienna, Aug. 14. The Princeſs of whom the Queen was deliver'd yeſterday, between Two and Three in the Afternoon, was chriſten'd in the Evening by the Pope's Nuntio, and nam'd Mary-Elizabeth-Joſephina-Jane-Antonietta.

Vienna, Aug. 17. Letters from Conſtantinople of the 23d of July ſay, that there are great Diſturbances in that City; that ſeveral Perſons ſuſpected of blowing the Coals have been put to Death; that a general Inſurrection is dreaded; and that Money is ſo ſcarce, that a Reſolution has been taken to put up to Sale the Grand Signor's Cabinet of Curioſities and Rarities, which is valued at 3,500,000 Piaſters. Theſe Letters add, that Schach Nadir having put himſelf at the Head of his Army, continued his March towards Babylon, and that it was reckon'd he was within three or four Days March of that City when the laſt Advices from Aſia came away.

Francfort Aug. 21. The Conferences between Count Konigsfeldt, Vice Chancellor of the Empire, Baron Haſlang, the Emperor's Miniſter Plenipotentiary, and Baron Waſner, Miniſter Plenipotentiary from the Queen of Hungary, are quite broke off, and his Imperial Majeſty has declared, that it is impoſſible for him to acquieſce in the Conditions propoſed at thoſe Conferences.

The Count de Lautrec, Embaſſador from France, receiv'd a few Days ſince two Couriers from Paris, and has had ſeveral Conferences with the Emperor's Miniſters on the Subject of the Diſpatches they brought. His Imperial Majeſty has declar'd to the King of Great Britain, by the Mouth of Baron Haſlang, 'That he chuſes to let Things come to the laſt 'Extremity, as to his own private Concerns, rather 'than take the leaſt Step that may oblige the Empire 'to take part in the preſent War.'

Lieutenant-General Ligoniere has been very much ſurpriz'd to find it aſſerted in ſome publick Papers, that he had been ſent to the Court of France, with a Commiſſion relating to Dunkirk: Now, it is certain that this General has not ſtirr'd from the Army ſince his Arrival in it; and as to the Harbour of Dunkirk, and the new Works that may have been made there, it is a Matter which his Britannick Majeſty reſerves to himſelf to enquire into at his Return to England, &c.——It was well to diſabuſe the Publick in regard to the Report of General Ligoniere's being gone to Verſailles on ſuch an Errand; but for what follows, we can make no other Remark upon it, than juſt to aſſure the Reader that we have faithfully tranſlated it from the *Utrecht Gazette*.

Ratiſbon, Aug. 22. There is no Hopes left that the Garriſon of Ingolſtadt will capitulate, the Commandant having declar'd a few Days ago that he will not ſurrender but on the Conditions he has already offer'd. The Auſtrians have ſince redoubled their Preparations for the Siege. The French are likewiſe preparing for a vigorous Defence: It is ſaid there are upwards of 200 Pieces of Cannon, and Proviſions for ſeveral Months in the Town: The Commandant has poſted Guards in the principal Parts of the Town, in order to keep the Burghers in awe, eſpecially becauſe they are threaten'd with a Bombardment.

Duſſeldorp, Aug. 26. We have receiv'd Advice that the Army of the Allies has made a Motion to the Left, and that the Van Guard is arriv'd at Lauſenheim within two Leagues of Oppenheim, from whence, it's thought, it will proceed to Worms. We alſo hear that the Hulans under Baron Menzel have advanced as far as Sare-Louis, and that this General has publiſh'd a Manifeſto on his Route, in the Name of the Queen of Hungary, the Subſtance of which is as follows:

That the Queen of Hungary and Bohemia having, by the Bleſſing of God and the Aſſiſtance of her Allies, deliver'd her Dominions from the Armies which had invaded them, and which have been oblig'd to repaſs the Rhine, ſhe has reſolv'd to improve the Advantages which the Almighty has bleſs'd her Arms with; wherefore ſhe has order'd him (Menzel) to penetrate into the Dominions and Countries of the Crown of France, which formerly belong'd to the Empire; that he ſignifies, in particular, to the Inhabitants of the Provinces of Alſace, Burgundy, and Franche County, to thoſe of the Duchies of Lorrain and Bar, and of the Biſhopricks of Metz, Toul, and Verdun, as alſo to the Inhabitants of the Diſtrict, which has been diſmember'd from the Dutchy of Luxembourg, that her Hungarian Majeſty's Intention is not to make Reprizals on them, but to deliver them from a Situation which ſo often expoſes their Country to become the Theatre of War: Therefore he gives Notice to the Nobleſſe and Clergy of thoſe Provinces, as alſo to the Inhabitants of the Cities, Towns, Villages, &c. that if they remain quiet at home, and do not take up Arms; if they punctually pay the Contributions, and furniſh the Proviſions and Forage demanded; if they abſtain from alienating their Eſtates or Effects, and do not forſake their Habitations, then they may rely entirely on the Queen's Clemency, and be aſſur'd that ſhe will uſe them with as much Juſtice as Lenity: That her Majeſty, who never had, and ſtill has no other Aim but to ſecure the Tranquility of the Empire, propoſes to gain this End by labouring, with her Allies, to lock up the Crown of France within her antient Bounds, &c.

Bruſſels, Aug. 26. It is reported that the greateſt Part of the heavy Baggage of the Army of the Allies is arriv'd in the Dutchy of Luxembourg, and that a Detachment of the Garriſon of Thionville has made an Incurſion in that Dutchy.

Letters from Namure ſay, that the French Troops daily encreaſe on the Meuſe; that they are already above 30,000 ſtrong on that Side, and that this Army is deſtin'd to oppoſe any Attempts the Allies may make on Thionville or Charlemont.

An Extract of a Letter from Paris, dated Aug. 27.

'In a Council which was held laſt Week at Verſailles, the Draught of a Manifeſto for a Declaration of War againſt Great Britain was read and 'approv'd of; but it's not known whether it has 'yet been ſent to the Royal Printing-Houſe. In order, however, to oblige his Britannick Majeſty to deſiſt from proſecuting his Meaſures, Orders have 'been ſent to all the Ports to arm as many Ships as 'poſſible. It's not doubted but if Things go on as

the Course they are in, the Theatre of the War will be carried into the Low Countries.'

Paris, Aug. 23. Father John Bapt. de du Halde, Jesuit, well known by his History of China, and his Collection of edifying Letters of the Missionaries of the Company of Jesus, died the 18th Instant in the 70th Year of his Age.

Extract of a Letter from Harlem, dated Aug. 21.

'Some People have observ'd here a new Comet. It was first seen on Sunday last, about Twelve at Night, and had then 77 Degrees 20 Minutes North Declination; its right Ascension being 132 Degrees. On Monday, about the same Hour, it was observ'd to have 75 Degrees North Declination, and its right Ascension about 150 Degrees. Yesterday about Nine the Comet had 72 Degrees North Declination, and its right Ascension was 161 Degrees 40 Minutes. All our Virtuosi are upon the Watch, and you may depend upon it, that I shall very soon send you a farther Account of this Comet, accompanied, perhaps, with a few Observations that may not prove altogether disagreeable.'

From the London Gazette.

Petersbourg, July 30. A Plot has been discover'd some Days ago, in which some Persons of Distinction are said to be involv'd, and particularly two Ladies of the first Rank and Quality, namely, Madam Lapuchin, and Countess Jagosinsky (lately married to the Grand Marshal Bestoucheff,) who are both Ladies of the Bed-Chamber. By what has been discover'd, it has been judg'd sufficient to secure their Persons, and to appoint a Commission, consisting of three Persons of Distinction, namely, the Inquisitor General Ushakoff, the Attorney-General Prince Trobetskouy, and Privy Counsellor Lestocq, to examine them, and to make their Report to her Imperial Majesty. Her Majesty has signified her Pleasure to the Grand Marshal, that he should remain in the Country until his Lady has been examin'd, and her Case determin'd.

Vienna, Aug. 17. Col. Trenck, with his Pandours, has laid some Villages in Alsace under Contribution, and burnt some others. He pass'd the Rhine with thirty Pandours and two Pieces of Cannon in small Boats, and summon'd the Town of new Brisac to surrender. Whereupon the Governor sent out a Battalion against him, and the Pandours drawing themselves up in Order of Battle, receiv'd the French Fire lying on their Bellies, and after having return'd it, fell upon them Sword in Hand, and drove them into the Town. They took under the Ramparts forty Oxen, and put them into the Boats, three of them jump'd into the River, but three Pandours swam after them, and brought them with the rest to the Army. Sometime after Col. Trenck pass'd the Rhine again with 120 Pandours, and met 80 French Horse, of which he kill'd 72, and carried off a Standard and a good Convoy of Provisions.

Hague, Aug. 30. We have Letters in Town from Cologn, wrote just upon the Departure of the Post of the 27th Instant, which report, pretty confidently, that Prince Charles pass'd the Rhine on Saturday last, after having repuls'd the French who oppos'd him with Loss. The Merchants at Rotterdam have had a fresh Alarm, on Account of a Spanish, or rather French Privateer, which was seen and spoke with by the Pilot Boat off of Goree, the Day before Yesterday, though as yet we have heard of no Capture she has made. She has been describ'd in the following Manner; A Sloop with two Masts, English built, square stern'd, painted green, has her Quarter Deck Cloth, painted red and white, has four Port-Holes, carries eight Swivel Guns, and about forty Men, and when seen, sail'd under Dutch Colours.

PLANTATION NEWS.

New-York, June 20. Friday last arriv'd here the two Privateer Concert Sloops, call'd the Castor and Pollux, commanded by Capt. Wentworth and Capt. Woolford, and brought in with them two Spanish Brigantine Prizes, which they took the 27th of April last, in Sight of the Town and Harbour of La Vera Cruz. They also took a Sloop, which they gave to the Prisoners, after taking out her Cargo. The Cargoes taken consists of Gunpowder, Cocoa, tann'd Leather, Flour, Soap, and dry Goods, with 10 or 12,000 Pieces of Eight; but as some of the Papers had been thrown over-board, the Particulars of the whole are not yet known.

Boston, June 23. By a Letter from Hartford, in Connecticut, dated the 11th Instant, we have the following Account, viz. That on Tuesday the 7th Instant, a young Woman belonging to New-Hartford, as she was going to visit her Friends at East-Haddam, was overtook on the Road between Middletown and that Place by a Negro Fellow, who rode by her Side; she being alone was very much afraid of him, but knew not how to shun him: At last she ask'd him, Whether there was no Road near in which she could go, hoping thereby to separate from him; he told her there was a Foot-path a little forward, so she turn'd into it and left him; but after he had gone on a little Way he turn'd into the Woods, and came up with the poor Woman again, and pull'd her off the Horse, and forced her; and then told her he must kill her, for that if he did not, she would make it known; accordingly he peal'd off some Bark, and attempted to strangle her; but she strove to get away, and slipp'd from him; whereupon he took up a Club and follow'd her, and with it knock'd her down, and abus'd her in a most dreadful manner, till he thought he had kill'd her, and then put two heavy Stones on her, and went off. After he was gone she came a little to herself, and by striving got the Stones off, and crawl'd to the Side of the Path, and hid herself in the Bushes, fearing he would come back. At last the Horse being found with Women's Tackling, People thereby thought some Accident had happen'd, and went out upon Search, and just at Night she was found, with her Head exceedingly wounded, and all bloody; but able to tell what had happen'd to her, and describ'd the Negro, who was found the next Morning aboard of a Vessel he belong'd to; and, 'tis suppos'd, thought he had kill'd the Woman, and so did not make his Escape. Fearing lest she should not live to appear in Court, she took her Oath that he was the very same Negro that had so abus'd her. The Negro deny'd it, but he is now in Jail at Hartford.

IRELAND.

Dublin, Aug. 13. We hear from Curraghmore in the County of Waterford, that on the 10th Instant Edward Cary, Esq; Knight of the Shire for the County of Londonderry, was married to the Hon. Miss Jane Beresford (Daughter to the Right Hon. Lord Viscount Tyrone) an agreeable Lady with a large Fortune.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Canterbury, Aug. 17. On the 15th Instant died, at his House at Sole-Street in Selling, in the 77th Year of his Age, Dr. Thomas Gibbs, who was many Years an eminent Surgeon and Practitioner in Physick at Feversham, and had been four times Mayor of that antient Corporation.

LONDON.

An EPIGRAM *on the Executions at* Stockholm.

STRICT *Swedish* Laws in Justice chopt
A *Bedenbrook* and *Lewenhaupt*;
As servile Favourers of *France*,
To let old *Fleury* lead the Dance.
There ill-made War, here ill-tim'd *Pax*,
Deserv'd the Scaffold and the Ax.—
Britons, remember *Swedish* Zeal,
And punish one for Publick Weal:—
'Tis not too late;—the Sword of Fate
Still holds its Edge o'er Traytor's Pate:—
A Decollation timely made
Had sav'd our Honour, Wooll, and Trade.

R. W.

Thursday se'nnight a General Court of the Bank of England was held, when a Motion was made to circulate Exchequer Bills to the Amount of 500,000 l. at 3 per Cent. which was agreed to.

We hear that there is a Decrease of upwards of 7000 l. in the Duties of Excise on Candles and Soap from Midsummer 1742 to Midsummer 1743.

Last Week the Relict of the Hon. Thomas Pelham, jun. Esq; deceas'd, Member for Lewes in Sussex, who died a few Days since at Bristol, was safely deliver'd of a Son at her House in Leicester-Fields.

ley Church, Southwark; to Miss Rogers of London; a fine young Lady, with a Fortune of 10,000 l.

Last Week was married at St. Paul's, Mr. Thomas Bellamy, of Kingston upon Thames, to Miss Anne Lomax, eldest Daughter to the late Cales Lomax, Esq; formerly Member of Parliament for the Borough of St. Alban's, Hertfordshire; a young Lady of great Accomplishments, and a large Fortune.

Last Week Captain Humphry Conway, in the West-India Trade, was married to Miss Clements of Richmond in Surrey, Sister of —— Clements, Esq; of St. Christopher's, an agreeable Lady with a Fortune of 12,000 l.

Sunday Paul Ramsfield, Esq; an eminent Turky Merchant, was married, at St. Olave's, Southwark, to Miss Mary Bettesworth, Daughter of James Bettesworth, Esq; of Crawford in Kent; a young Lady with a Fortune of 20,000 l.

Tuesday se'nnight died, at Bowden in Cheshire, Richard Leigh, Esq; a Gentleman of a good Estate, and in the Commission of the Peace for that County.

Thursday se'nnight died, at Cheltenham Wells in Gloucestershire, Col. Stapleton, Brother of the late Sir William Stapleton, Bart. and Colonel of a Company in the Third Regiment of Foot Guards.

The same Day died, at his House in the City of Lincoln, Dr. Roger Bradford, one of the Canons of that Cathedral, and nearly related to the late Bishop of Rochester: He was a Gentleman of great Learning and Piety, and highly esteem'd for his Condescension and Humanity.

Last Week died, at his House near Salisbury in Wiltshire, Cornelius Pitts, Esq; a Gentleman possess'd of an Estate of 2000 l. a Year in that County; he was a daily Friend to the Poor, and zealously attach'd to the true Interest of his Country.

Tuesday Morning died at her House in St. James's Street, Miss Edwards, of Kensington; by her Death a large Fortune comes to Gerrard Anne Edwards, Esq; a Minor.

Tuesday died, after a few Days Illness, at his House at Deptford, Mr. Williams, who formerly was Collector of the Excise, but having a plentiful Fortune left him by a near Relation, he resign'd his Employment.

Tuesday about Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, as three Masons Labourers were rolling a Stone on the Top of the North-West Corner of the Mansion-House, it over-balanc'd the Men, and fell down into the Cellarage, pulling the poor Fellows with it, by which Accident they were all kill'd on the Spot.

Last Week a melancholy Accident happen'd at Stanton-Harcourt in Oxfordshire, viz. the Wife of a labouring Man going to a Neighbour's House, and leaving a young Child in the Cradle, a Hog came in during her Absence, and tore it in such a Manner that it dy'd soon after.

On Monday one William Cromeday, who kept a Chandler's Shop in Hungerford-Market, went to Lambeth-Marsh with some Friends, and in shewing some Feats of Activity, had the Misfortune to fall and break his Neck, and died immediately.

We are inform'd that on Thursday Night last Week about Eleven o'Clock a dreadful Fire happen'd at Market Harborough in Leicestershire, which in a few Hours consum'd ten Houses, among which was a large Inn.

Tuesday se'nnight Roger Clayton, of Gatton in Surrey, Esq; was attack'd by a single Highwayman at the Top of Chalk-Hill, near Dunstable, who robb'd him of his Watch and nine Guineas in Money, (while his Servant stood looking on with a loaded Blunderbuss in his Hand) and then made off.

Wednesday se'nnight as Mr. Newell, an Attorney in Shoreditch, was riding on Banstead Downs, his Horse fell down, by which Accident he was flung off and his Neck dislocated, and, for want of speedy Help, died on the Spot: He has left a Wife and four Children, whose Dependance was upon him.

On Wednesday se'nnight, about Eleven at Night, Mr. Haller, a Bookbinder in Church-Street, near St. John's, Southwark, was attack'd in Kent-Street Road by three Footpads, who robb'd him of 4 s. and then bound him Hand and Foot, in which Condition he lay 'till Five the next Morning, when a Fellow going along with a Dung-Cart releas'd him.

On Saturday last, in the Evening, Richard Kent, of St. James's-Street, Esq; and his Wife; as also Mr. Stokes, of Little Grosvenor-Street, and his Wife, returning from Windsor in their Chaises, were attack'd by two Highwaymen on Hounslow-Heath, who robb'd them of their Watches, and upwards of four Pounds in Money.

Monday Eleanor Mackintosh was committed to Newgate by Justice Ricards, for the Murder of Francis Bryan, at a House in Rag-Fair: The Prisoner struck the Deceas'd on the Head with a large Poker

Corner of St. Martin's Lane, and tugg'd very hard at her Watch, which did not give way, appear'd to give Evidence; a Gentleman coming up at the same Time, with the Watchmen, they made off. Warrants are issued out to take them all.

The same Day was committed to Newgate by Col. De Veil, William Parks, actually catch'd with one Edward Neil in the detestable Act of Sodomy, by three Witnesses who saw the whole Affair from the next Room to that in which they carry'd on that villainous Scene, and have all sworn to it. Neil escap'd.

The same Day Katherine Davis and Eleanor Smith, otherwise Mac Dermutt, were both committed by

the County Gaol there, between the Hours of Ten at Night and Three in the Morning; but upon a close Pursuit three of them were retaken at Berkhampsted a few Hours after.

Monday a Gang belonging to the Princess Royal Man of War impress'd a Dutch Sailor on Tower-Hill; but the Fellow making Resistance they fell to drubbing him, whereupon he pull'd out his Knife and cut the Boatswain thro' the Right Cheek, and wounded several others before they could disarm him. He was afterwards carry'd before the Deputy Governor of the Tower, who committed him to the Prison there for further Examination.

The Dutchess, Tobin, from Cork for Lisbon, is taken by the Spaniards.

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